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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/645,235	ABDELGANY ET AL.
	Examiner Annette R. Reimers	Art Unit 3733

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Annette R. Reimers. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Kevin Kocun, reg. # 54,230. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 23 April 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 5, 11, 27 and 42.

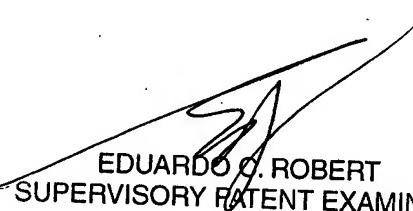
Identification of prior art discussed: Duvillier et al. (US Patent Number 5,749,876).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Kocun, applicants' representative, contacted examiner to discuss the claims in reference to the cited prior art, i.e. Duvillier et al. Examiner suggested that applicants further structurally define the pattern disclosed in each of the independent claims. Mr. Kocun presented some persuasive arguments regarding how the claimed invention differed from the Duvillier et al. reference. Examiner suggested that Mr. Kocun present the arguments in the formal response for her consideration. Examiner also stated that further search and/or consideration may be necessary. Examiner further stated that she would contact Mr. Kocun prior to sending out an additional office action.